THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) More Secured Passports (MSP) with additional security features were introduced in India from 16 August, 1990 which would make photo substitution, the main modus-operandi of forgers, difficult.

(b) No, Sir. The average time taken to issue passports by the Passport Office, Delhi is five weeks except in these cases where reports are not satisfactory.

(c) Steps taken in this regard were given in Annexure II in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1449 dated 31-7-91

Vacancies in Mental Hospital, Shahdara, Dehi

1337. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts have been lying vacant in the Mental Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is a fact that nominees of the Employment Exchanges have been awaiting their interviews/selections; and

(c) if so, by when the interview/selection formalities would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Administration have reported that there were 30 vacancies of Group 'D' posts in Mental Hospital, Shahdara upto March, 1991. Of these, 24 vacancies were notified to the Employment Exchange. The remaining 6 vacancies are to be filled up by departmental promotion.

(b) and (c) The particulars of candidates has been received from Employment Exchanges and a meeting for selection has been fixed for 14.9.1991.

U.S. Congressional Report.

1338. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the U.S. Congressional Report entitled 'Democrat India is no Iraq' which says that no U.S. national interest would appear served by supporting separatist movement in India;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to dispel the impression created by the report; and

(c) the action taken by Government to demur such wild and malicious propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have been the Congressional Research Service Report entitled "India: Regional Dissidence And Human Rights problems.

(b) and (c) Government have made consistent efforts to project the correct picture of developments in this regard.

News-Item Captioned "Government Changes, Phones—Tapping goes on"

1339. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATEL:
DR. BAPU KALDTAE:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government changes, phone—tapping goes on" which appeared in Indian Express of 7th August, 1991 and if so, whether any action has been taken on various instances cited on phone—tapping;

(b) whether any cognizanhe has been taken of the prone—tapping as alleged and as complained by various MLAs and MPs against Karnataka Government; and